



Proclamation

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1787, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the United States Constitution was adopted by our founding fathers as the blueprint for our nation's self-government; and

WHEREAS, this revolutionary document established fundamental laws that have protected and guaranteed basic rights and liberties to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the core values and truths set forth in the Constitution have withstood the test of time for more than two centuries; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 1952, Congress designated September 17 as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day to commemorate the signing of the United States Constitution, celebrate citizenship, and recognize all who strive to uphold the principles of democracy and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, the Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually for Constitution Week and Citizenship Day, which was later enacted on August 2, 1956; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2020 marks the 233rd anniversary of the framing of the Constitution at the 1787 Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, this commemoration embraces the courage, conviction and sacrifice of those who have helped shape and preserve the principles of democracy, inspires the study of the Constitution and civics education, and encourages the appreciation of the freedoms the Constitution gives us;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2020 as

"CONSTITUTION WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in commemorating the signing of the United States Constitution, reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities that it affords us, and actively participate in democracy as a citizen of the United States of America.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of September 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i